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February 19, 1990

Mrs. Alice Remiche, City Clerk  
City Hall, City of Lodi  
221 West Pine Street  
Lodi, California  
95241-1910

Dear Madam Clerk:

Please consider this letter a communication to be read at the Council meeting, February 21, 1990.

I request that the City Council reconsider Ordinance 1474 before the ordinance becomes final, March 7, 1990.

It is my opinion that the City Manager has too much power and on occasion the City Manager has, does and may abuse the power of his office.

The ordinance as written provides notice of the disposal of City property after the fact, that is the City property has already been disposed of before the Council is notified.

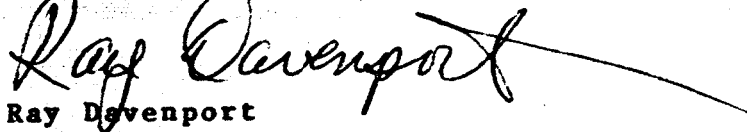
Also, the City Purchasing Officer is under the direct control of the City Manager, this in and of itself is fertile ground for concern.

An alternative would be to structure the ordinance to include all sales of surplus personal property that has a value of \$500.00 or more and is no longer required for City use be placed on the Council agenda for Council approval and input prior to the disposal of or sale of the "surplus" City property.

This would help guard against discriminatory practices of disposing of City property to specially chosen individuals which has occurred in the past, also the Council and the voters would be aware of proposed City business.

Finally, the advertisement for disposal of any City property should be in a local newspaper serving the community.

Sincerely yours,

  
Ray Davenport